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TO SAVE THE TREES.

THE QUESTION OF GRADING STREETS EAST OF THE PARK DISCUSSED.

A Plan Finally Agreed Upon, and the Work Will be Begun at Once.

American history furnishes a number of impressive illustrations of the historical association of trees with important events in the nation's development. The famous cherry tree which contributes so much towards the illustrious Washington's reputation for truthfulness; the charter oak, and the thirteen trees planted by Alexander Hamilton are a few of the noted examples. In many New England and Middle States towns stately trees that have grown up with the towns are reverently venerated. American poets have also contributed towards building up the sentiment that immortalizes the memory of many trees. A touching exemplification of this fact is cited in the biography of the poet Longfellow when the Cambridge authorities found it necessary in order to make improvement to cut down the great horse-chestnut tree that stood in front of the blacksmith shop of Dexter Pratt. This was the "spreading chestnut tree" referred to in the "Village Blacksmith." The poet protested against the removal of it, but in vain. The children of the public schools contributed towards having an enlarged arm-chair made from the wood of the tree, and the chair was presented to Mr. Longfellow on his seventy-second birthday. To the last he prized the children's arm-chair as one of his greatest treasures. To thank them he wrote the poem "From my Arm-Chair."

Thus it is that American history and American poetry are both well calculated to instill into the minds of the American youth a veneration for trees, and makes a pleasant and lasting impression on his mind which additional years only serve to strengthen.

Bloomfield is essentially an American town; not a few of its people trace their ancestry back to the early settlement of the State. Hence it is not surprising to find the traditional veneration for old trees strongly developed in the minds of the people. In many instances, where stately trees have stood in the way of the march of improvement, touching appeals have been made to the Town Committee to "spare the trees." There are not a few instances to-day where sidewalks are kept above the grade of the street out of consideration for noble trees that have stood for years. Popular sentiment sustains the modification of the surveyor's rigid lines that trees may be spared.

At the last meeting of the Township Committee there was a striking manifestation of the prevailing attachment for trees. An improvement to Liberty Street is contemplated which, it is thought, will result in great benefit to a large and valuable section of the town. Several property-owners along the line of Liberty Street were present at the meeting on Monday afternoon. It was evident that the plan proposed would result in injury to the trees along the street. Rather than have the trees destroyed it was manifest from the tone of the discussion that the property-owners would prefer to postpone the improvement.

The establishing of a proper grade to drain the surface water from Park Place, Monroe Place, Liberty Street, Austin Place, Oakland Avenue, Fremont Street, and Spruce Street is a problem that has been before the Township Committee for years. Now that it is proposed to macadamize Liberty Street and a part of Spruce Street, it has become necessary to arrive at a final solution of the question. It was made the subject of discussion at the special meeting on Monday afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Ballantine, who has manifested a deep interest in the matter all along; Dr. Bailey, who has advocated improvements on Liberty Street; Harry Osborne, and other interested property-owners were present.

Mr. Oakes of the Road Committee stated that Township Surveyor Olmsted had submitted two plans, neither of which the Road Committee were prepared to recommend for adoption, but were submitted for the purpose of general discussion. The first plan contemplated the cutting down of Liberty Street at Park Place eighteen inches and thirty inches at Spruce Street, making an average cut of twenty-four inches along the street. This was designed to carry all the surface water from the territory mentioned through Liberty Street and run it into the canal through an iron pipe extending from Spruce Street. The second plan was to extend Monroe Place to the canal, and by cutting it down a little, divide the surface water between it and Liberty Street.

The first plan had the approval of Mr. Olmsted, and was recommended by him as the only practical way to give proper drainage to the territory involved. The objections to it were that the amount of excavation required would

involve a larger expenditure of money than the funds in the hands of the Committee would allow. There would be about 3,000 yards of earth to be removed, which would cost nearly \$1,000. It was stated that adjacent property-owners would probably purchase the dirt for filling-in purposes. A second objection was that it was too much water to run into the canal at one point and would be objected to by the Canal Company. Mr. Beach strongly urged this point, and said he thought it would be better to divide the discharge between Monroe Place, Liberty Street, and Fremont Street. In answer to this objection it was stated that the construction of the canal had destroyed the natural drainage of the section; consequently the canal ought to be used to carry off the water.

Another objection was that it would leave the property on the east end of Liberty Street so high above the level of the street that it was very improbable that the consent of property-owners could be obtained in the carrying out of the plan.

Dr. Ballantine, who also favored the cutting down of Liberty Street, stated that fortunately the houses on the east end of the street were placed so far back from the street line that the property could be very nicely graded down to the street line and would be much benefited by an improved appearance.

Dr. Bailey stated that he would consent to the cutting down of the street providing it could be done without destroying the trees along the line of the sidewalk.

Mr. Oakes said the Committee could give no guarantee to preserve trees. He thought that the cut-down would result in injury to the trees, and it was only a matter of time when the sidewalk would have to be cut down also.

A number of suggestions were proposed and discussed. Mr. Oakes recommended the cutting down of Liberty Street twelve inches at Park Place and eighteen inches at Spruce Street, but it was thought that this plan would not give sufficient grade to Park Place.

Mr. Rayner offered an amendment making the cut fourteen inches at Park Place and twenty-four inches at Spruce Street. Both the motion and the amendment contained the proviso that property-owners on Liberty Street shall waive all claims for damages before the work is undertaken.

Mr. Olmsted said that the suggestion of Mr. Rayner would allow of a fair grade to the streets, and consented to the modification of his own plan. Mr. Oakes withdrew his motion, and Mr. Rayner's was adopted.

Mr. Stout said he had been interviewed by the "Chief Explorer" of the cannon, and it was desired that permission be given to fire one salute at the liberty pole on the Fourth of July. He favored granting the request, and permission was given.

Knights of Pythias Field Day.

If the local Knights of Pythias can get enough encouragement from the citizens of Bloomfield the annual field day of the uniformed divisions of this State will be held in this town in September. A number of subscriptions have already been pledged towards entertaining the visiting Knights, and many more have expressed a willingness to contribute. The last field day was held in Plainfield, and there were about 3,000 visitors in the town.

A Non-Suit.

Edward J. McGinley, executor for his father's estate, sued Richard Maxwell before Justice Hall on Monday for \$85 which he claimed Maxwell owed him for rent. Edwin A. Rayner appeared for Maxwell and stated to the Court that his client acknowledged the debt, but wanted McGinley to show his authority for making the collection. The plaintiff failed to appear, so the Justice nonsuited him. The case will come up again.

To Condemn Land.

An addition to the Newark City Home at Verona being necessary, Judge Depeu last Saturday appointed the following commissioners to condemn property owned by Jane Brower: William A. Brower, Jr., of South Orange, David Dodd of Orange, and Thomas Oakes of Bloomfield.

Perfect in Attendance.

A couple of Bloomfield children have made excellent records for perfect attendance at school. They are Sabara and Charlie Ferguson. Sabara has not missed a day from school in four years, while Charlie has not missed a day in three years. Who can equal these records?

Will Pay Off the Mortgage.

The Finance Committee of the Watessing M. E. Church will to-day pay off the \$1,000 mortgage on their building site, corner of Dodd and Lawrence Streets. This is an important step towards getting ready for work on the new church edifice.

Get your fireworks at Dancer's.—Adv.

A GENEROUS OFFER.

Arthur Leuthausser Will Give His Fourth of July Receipts to the Mountsides Hospital.

Frank G. Tower, E. D. Ackerman, and William U. Oakes, the Committee appointed by the members of Essex Hook and Ladder Company to receive subscriptions for the Mountsides Hospital building fund, in response to an appeal from the Board of Managers, have prepared a printed circular and sent a copy to each active and honorary member of the Company. The promptness and energy displayed by the members of Essex in acting on the appeal of the Board is creditable to the organization, and, as Mr. Tower put it at the recent annual meeting of the company, it is in the nature of a return on the part of Essex for the kindly interest manifested in times past by the ladies whose names appear in the Board of Managers. Indications are that Essex will respond generously.

Arthur Leuthausser, proprietor of the Bloomfield Hotel, who is an exempt member of Essex, has made a very liberal response to the circular of the Committee. He will donate the entire receipts of his establishment on July 4 as his subscription to the fund. The entire receipts of the registry cash-drawer will be turned over to the Committee at the close of the day's business. This is a very liberal donation, and will materially enlarge the fund, being raised by Essex Hook and Ladder Company.

The Horse Was Mined.

William H. Aue of Glenwood Avenue was arrested by Constable Smith on Tuesday on complaint of J. Wesley Van Gleason, a livery stable keeper of Montclair, who accused him of cruelty to a horse which he had hired from plaintiff. Aue was taken before Justice Milligan and by him committed to the County Jail in default of \$300 bail. He will have a hearing this afternoon. A short time ago Aue hired a horse and carriage from Van Gleason and with two friends went for a ride. After driving about the country for a while Aue claims that the young men said they would take it home while he stayed in Newark. They started off, but drove to Passaic instead, where the horse was found in a faded condition.

Excelsior Responds.

EXCELSIOR HOSE CO. NO. 3, BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT, June 4, 1892.

To Mrs. C. T. Dodd, Acting Chairman

Financial Com. Mountsides Hospital:

DEAR MADAM: In reply to your letter to Mr. Cockfair, enclosing the appeal to the Fire Department, will say the same was read at our regular meeting and acted upon, and returns will be made to you through our Chief by the required time. Wishing you success in the good work, I am very respectfully,

W. KRENNICH, Sec'y.

Charged with Assault.

Edward Smith of Dodd Street was arrested by Constable Smith on Wednesday, charged by John Mellor of Glenwood Avenue with assault and battery. The assault consisted in Smith shaking his fist under Mellor's nose. The quarrel was over some money that Mellor claimed Smith owed him. Justice Post adjourned the case until next Wednesday, as Smith wished to consult his counsel.

The Fountain at the Centre.

The fountain at the Centre has been much improved by a fresh coat of paint. Health Inspector Corby wishes to warn careless drivers who drive so as to allow the poles of their wagons to strike the basin. The fountain is a great public benefit, and those who come from out of town should appreciate the fact.

What Has Been Done at the Hospital.

During the year that the Mountsides Hospital has been opened there have been treated in the wards 109 cases—45 surgical and 64 medical. In the Out-Patient Department there have been seen 81 new cases, making a total of 190 patients treated. The present capacity of the hospital is sixteen beds.

Released from Custody.

Justice Post issued a discharge warrant on Thursday for the release of Joseph O'Keefe from the penitentiary. O'Keefe was committed to that institution a short time ago for acting in a suspicious manner on Washington Avenue. He was released upon his former employer's recommendation.

Struck by a Flying Shuttle.

Mrs. Emily Upton of Spruce Street was struck by a flying shuttle from a loom at which she was working in Thomas Oakes's Mill on Wednesday morning, cutting a deep gash in her forehead. She was taken to her home and Dr. Van Gleason was summoned and sewed up the wound.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co., 48 Park Place, N. Y.

Gent's russet shoes at Shoenthal's.—Adv.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

A REUNION HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN G. BROUGHTON.

Miss Besse Sutphen's Paper on "High School Reminiscences"—An Enjoyable Evening.

Last Wednesday evening the grounds of Mr. John G. Broughton were the scene of a delightful gathering. The Bloomfield High School Association held the second of their enjoyable entertainments, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to renew old friendships and meet new members. Through the kindness of Mr. Broughton the Association had a charming spot for the assembly. The scene was attractive even to outsiders. From the boughs of the many trees hung lanterns, giving the place a festive air; here and there about the lawn were comfortable settees, and hammocks swinging from the trees offered an inviting resting-place.

The guests were cordially welcomed by a reception committee, and wandered about the grounds or found seats on the veranda. During the evening a duet was finely rendered by Miss Laura Ward and Miss Bertha Russell. Miss Genevieve Morris gave a pleasing solo, and Miss Estelle Lockwood added greatly to the pleasure of the entertainment by singing "Annie Laurie," at the request of those present. Miss Besse Sutphen read a paper on "High School Reminiscences." The exercises were duly appreciated and received with great favor. Refreshments were served, and after much pleasant intercourse the company separated with expressions of delight at the evening's enjoyment.

Miss Sutphen's paper was as follows:

Our schooldays! How memory flies back at the words—two, three, five, or perhaps fifteen years. Some it carries back to days of college life, to years of hard study, stimulated by intercourse with great minds and brightened by many happy friendships. Others not so highly privileged, but recipients of the best advantages a well-equipped school of its kind could offer, are taken back on memory's wing to the days spent in the brick building on Broad Street. In fact, we all have an interest here; have all spent some time, what has long been called, within its walls.

For seventeen years there has been during ten months of each year on every schoolday, a procession of boys and girls up and down the Green. In the procession we all at some time took our places, with arms laden with books, whose contents we nightly wrestled to possess with wrinkled brow, and daily struggled to expound with faltering tongue.

Even now in memory's glass we see ourselves reciting "Bonus, bona, bonum," proving to our teacher's satisfaction that "the square on the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides," or trying to laugh naturally over the pun in Caesar, which that poor soldier was so unfortunate as to make and thereby cause untold anxiety ever since to teachers, who are obliged to explain to pupils who cannot "see the point."

Our instructors we adored, despised, or feared with a schoolboy's or schoolboy's blind impetuosity. Each principal, who at various times held sway, was held in awe by us; for

A man severe he was, and stern to view; I knew him well, and every trait I knew; Well had the boiling trestle learned to trace The day's disasters in his morning face: Full well he taught us with countenanced gloom At all his looks for many a joke he told; Full well the busy whisper circling round Covered the dismal tidings when he frowned. Yet 'twas his kind, or if severe in sight, The love he bore to learning was in fault. The village all declared how much he knew: 'Twas certain he could write, and cipher, too.

In arguing, too, the parson owned his skill; For even though vanquish'd he could argue still. And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew That one small head could carry all he knew.

Our poor teachers! How much ill treatment they received intentionally or unintentionally at our hands. How many pranks were played at their expense; how many efforts made to overthrow their equilibrium.

The young men, who as vice-principals reigned in the High School, soon learned their need of a serpent's wisdom to meet the array of young women who tried their various wiles upon them. They indeed found the schoolroom to be, as Longfellow says, "The theatre of those life-long labors which theoretically are the most noble and practically the most vexatious in the world." We have grown older and wiser since those days and appreciate their struggles in our behalf. Some of us have joined their rank, and like the twenty froggies, who

"Went to school Down beside a rushing pool. Now they sit on other logs, Teaching other little frogs."

These little frogs are just as lively as past generations, and though sometimes benighted as "the victims of science" by those who are ignorant of the workings of school methods, lose none of their elasticity of spirit which cannot be said of the real frog.

Many of our numbers have become teachers, but not all. Some are exercising a gentle sway as wives and mothers; others are making a specialty of art, elocution, music and medicine; still others are pursuing a college course or preparing to enter college.

her how eloquently Mr. Augustine Muligan sounded the call, "Go West, young man." We do not know how well he followed his own teaching, but it may be that the hearts of all the young men about to enter our school were so inflamed with a desire to make their fortunes in the Wild West that they immediately turned their efforts in that direction. A few, however, resisted the temptation and remained for most of the course or to graduate with honor.

The passing years have wrought a change with them also. The termination "class" with which they left the schoolroom has disappeared. They are now addressed as Reverend, Professor, Doctor. Some who once tortured the patience of their teachers, have now their own patients to torture.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow." Little did we dream in days of yore as often during cold and wintry days we marched enthusiastically and unweariedly through the seats and up the aisles until the floors shook with the steady tramp, to the inspiring airs of "Yankee Doodle," "Pinafore" and "Oh, dear, what can the matter be?" that we had among us a musical genius who should one day win the well-earned plaudits of his native town.

Another feature of those days were the addresses occasionally made by visiting Trustees. One of these with the view of arousing ambition in the youthful hearers before him exclaimed, "Boys, you may all be Presidents, and girls, you may all be President's wives." Some of the girls who were rather strong-minded, thought of quoting the statement in Rhetoric class as an example of anticlimax. Better thought they "to reign in a Queen Anne cottage than serve in the White House. That Trustee evidently was not an advocate of woman suffrage, though his intentions were good.

However, let us not treat this matter too lightly. There may still be an opportunity for some of our number to occupy the Presidential chair when Harrison retires on a pension. In the meantime they might be working in that direction as Aldermen.

There is no royal road to the White House. "Little by little," as the acorn said, the advance is made. First Alderman, then Governor, then Senator, and then President. That is the path as marked out by one of our most aspiring politicians, but it didn't work. Therefore count the cost before attempting to tread warily. Better to be the rose born to blush unseen in our little town, than to expose your flaming cheeks to public gaze, if defeat awaits you.

Has not the presence of a well-equipped High School in our midst proved of benefit to the town?

Here the foundation of our knowledge was laid; here we were taught to think for ourselves and to love learning for its own sake.

And now that our schooldays are over it is pleasant to meet again; to keep up the connection between ourselves and the present life of the school, and to maintain an interest in it.

Our High School Association affords opportunity for this very thing and we hope that all who have been connected with our institution will become members of the Association and assist in making the organization both profitable and successful.

"Should acquaintance be forgot, An' days of old lang syne?"

The New Coal Company.

The recent purchase of the coal business of Robert M. Stiles by the Bloomfield Coal and Supply Company has given rise to wild rumors respecting the purposes of the new company. Exaggerated statements about its being a syndicate organized for the purpose of monopolizing the local trade of the town have been put in circulation by men who fear the new rival in the coal business, and is done with a view to working up a prejudice in the public mind against it.

A representative of THE CITIZEN was authorized to say that all such statements are false; that the company is going to carry on the coal business in the same manner that it has been carried on in this town in the past. They will compete with other dealers on a legitimate basis. The new company possesses no advantages in the wholesale market that are not available to all the present dealers. The new company has no intention of monopolizing the trade.

The stockholders in the company are Robert S. Radd, James N. Jarvie, James C. Beach, Edward G. Ward and John Newton.

A Local Telegraph Company.

The Bloomfield District Telegraph Company has been organized and the following officers elected: President, W. H. Linder; Vice President, G. U. White; General Manager, Geo. W. Cook, Jr.; Secretary, Edward W. Gardner; Treasurer, Guy Hopping. The main office is at the "Olympic" on Bloomfield Avenue. The company is now engaged in putting up wires and will be ready for business on October 1. The stations now connected are as follows: Western Union Telegraph Office on Glenwood Avenue; 60 Broad Street, 451 Franklin Street, 424 Franklin Street, 307 Montgomery Avenue and 205 Washington Avenue. Offices will also be opened in the near future at Benson Street, on the lower end of Montgomery Avenue, one on Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, and at Watessing. The young men engaged in the business are well known and enterprising, and will no doubt meet with great success.

Try a pair of Shoenthal's celebrated \$3 shoes.—Adv.

DEMOCRATS TO RATIFY.

A BANNER WILL BE RAISED ON BROAD STREET TO-NIGHT.

A Brass Band and Fireworks—Ex-Congressman McAdoo and Joseph A. Beecher Expected to Speak—Political Notes.

Should the weather prove favorable to-night the Bloomfield Democrats will ratify the nomination of Cleveland and Stevenson, and will unfurl a handsome banner bearing portraits of the nominees. The banner will be swung across Broad Street in front of the rooms of the Bloomfield Democratic Club, and Ex-Congressman William McAdoo of Jersey City, Joseph A. Beecher of Newark, and others are expected to be present and address the gathering. Music will be furnished by the Watessing Band, and a display of fireworks will be given.

A Cleveland and Stevenson Campaign Club will be organized, and officers will be elected and committees appointed. The roll will be placed in the rooms of the Bloomfield Democratic Club, to which place all Democrats will be invited.

This is the first time in years that the Democrats of Bloomfield have opened the campaign so early in the summer, and under the new organization they expect to accomplish a great deal before the November election.

It is rumored that Mr. Radd, the leader of this district, will appoint the following chairmen of the ward committees: First Ward, John F. Dillon; Second Ward, James Boyne; Third Ward, Frank G. Tower.

Adrian Dickinson will probably be President of the campaign club, and a number of vice-presidents will be elected representing each ward in the township.

The Republican Executive Committee of this township held a meeting on Tuesday night to organize for the fall campaign. The following officers were elected: President, William Biggart; Vice-President, George W. Cook; Secretary, Fred M. Davis; Treasurer, Spencer H. Hall. Campaign and Finance Committees were also appointed. The meeting nights are the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, to be held at the rooms of the Young Men's Republican Club.

The Advisory Committee of the Essex County Democratic Committee met in the Jeffersonian Club-rooms in Newark on Thursday night. Bloomfield was represented by E. A. Rayner and M. J. O'Brien.

Dr. Harry E. Richards has been appointed a member of the Committee on City and County Affairs by the Republican Club of the city of Newark. The club has placed a transparency in front of its club-house on Park Place bearing the names of the Republican candidates for President and Vice-President, and is preparing to take an active part in the campaign.

Two Burglaries.

The residence of Arthur John King, on the corner of Belleville and Williamson Avenues, was entered by burglars between the hours of two and three o'clock last Saturday morning. Entrance was effected by forcing a window over the front piazza upon which they had climbed. They stole silverware, jewelry, trinkets, etc., to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars. The police of this place and the surrounding towns were immediately notified, and a reward of \$500 offered for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties. No clue has been discovered.

The Darwin mansion on Ridgewood Avenue, which is unoccupied, was broken into on Friday night and a copper boiler, lead pipe, etc., taken. The amount of damage done was about two hundred dollars.

On Saturday Justice Post was notified by Captain Daly of the Third police precinct, Newark, that he had in custody Joseph and Emanuel Negro, who had in their possession a large quantity of lead pipe, books, etc. Officer Foster was dispatched to Newark and brought the prisoners here. They were committed to await the action of the Grand Jury. The lead pipe was identified by Harry G. Darwin as the property stolen from him.

Death of Miss Dougherty.

Miss Minnie Dougherty, aged twenty-two, eldest daughter of the late Andrew Dougherty, died at her home on Prospect Street Monday morning from consumption. Funeral services took place on Thursday afternoon from the house. The Rev. Elbert Clement officiated. Miss Dougherty had been ill for a long time, but it was not anticipated that her end was so near at hand. Early Monday morning she complained of feeling worse, and at ten o'clock she expired. Her death was calm and peaceful.

Ladies' patent leather shoes at Shoenthal's.—Adv.

Get your fireworks at Dancer's.—Adv.